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SUBJ: CHECK STOCK

FOR BF/FMS GULLI FROM LAMB

1. TITLE ON TREASURY CHECK STOCK SHOULD READ QUOTE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATA PROCESSING CENTER, AMERICAN EMBASSY, BANGKOK, THAILAND. UNQUOTE. PRECISE WORDING AND LAYOUT OF TITLE CAN BE ADJUSTED AT YOUR DISCRETION TO SATISFY TREASURY AND DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. LOCAL CHECK SPECIFICATIONS:

A. SIZE. -- CHECKS SHOULD BE STANDARD CARD STOCK (SEVEN AND THREE-EIGHTS INCHES BY THREE AND ONE-QUARTER INCHES) ON CONTINUOUS FORM WITH TWO CHECKS PER SEVEN INCH FOLD.

B. BACKGROUND. -- ACCORDING TO LOCAL CHASE MANHATTAN OFFICE, BACKGROUND IS FAINT OVERPRINT ON CHECK STOCK AS SECURITY MEASURE TO DETECT ERASURES. STANDARD CMB BACKGROUND, CONSISTING OF FINE LINES BLENDED WITH CHASE MANHATTAN LOGO, IS ACCEPTABLE TO US.

C. COLOR. -- FOR CONTROL PURPOSES WE PREFER DIFFERENT COLOR CHECK STOCK FOR LOCAL CURRENCY AND U.S. DOLLAR CHECKS. ASSUMING THAT TREASURY CHECKS WILL BE GREEN, WE PREFER LOCAL CURRENCY CHECKS ON BUFF COLORED STOCK. CMB CALLS THIS COLOR QUOTE TREASURY TAN UNQUOTE.

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D. DESIGN. -- WE POUCHED DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED CHECK LAYOUT

TO YOU TODAY. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DESIGN. NOTE:
STANDARD CARD STOCK ALLOWS US EIGHTEEN LINES OF 72 CHARACTERS
EACH FOR COMPUTER PRINTING. THESE HAVE BEEN USED AS GRID
TO IDENTIFY LOCATION OF DESIGN ELEMENTS.

--BANK ANME AND LOCATION. CMB LOGOTYPE FOLLOWED BY
QUOTE THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A. UNQUOTE
PREPRINTED ON LINE 2 SPACES 3-39. QUOTE BANGKOK,
THAILAND UNQUOTE PREPRINTED ON LINE 3, SPACES 26-45.

-- CHECK NUMBER. PREPRINT ON LINE 2, SPACES 51-72, QUOTE
CHECK NO. 000,000,100 UNQUOTE. CHECK NUMBERING TO
BEGIN WITH 100.

--CURRENCY BOX (1). BOX SIZE TWO BY ONE HALF INCHES
LOCATED ON LINES 4-6, SPACES 3-24. BOX IS DIVIDED BY
HORIZONTAL LINE RUNNING LENGTH OF BOX. UPPER PORTION
OB BOX IS ONE LINE, LOWER PORTION TWO LINES. PREPRINT
QUOTE PAY IN: UNQUOTE IN THE LEFT MARGIN OF THE
UPPER PORTION. SQUEEZE WORDS PAY IN TO ALLOW AT LEAST
16 SPACES FOR COMPUTER PRINTING NAME OF CURRENCY. AMOUNT
OF CHECK WILL BE COMPUTER PRINTED IN LOWER PORTION OF BOX.

--CURRENCY BOX (2). SECOND CURRENCY BOX SAME AS FIRST BOX
EXCEPT LOCATED IN SPACES 51-72.

--PAYEE CLOCK. PREPRINT QUOTE PAY TO THE UNQUOTE ON LINE 8,
SPACES 3-10 AND QUOTE ORDER OF: UNQUOTE ON LINE 9 SPACES 3-10.

--DIVISING LINE. LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN BETWEEN LINE 16 AND 17
FROM SPACES 3 THROUGH 72.

--USDO AND LOCATION. PREPRINT QUOTE U.S. DISBURSING OFFICER
UNQUOTE ON LINE 17, SPACES 42-64; QUOTE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
DATA PROCESSING CENTER UNQUOTE ON LINE 18, SPACES 39-67
AND QUOTE AMERICAN EMBASSY UNQUOTE ON LINE 19 SPACES 46-61.

E. CHECK USAGE. -- WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR USING THIS CHECK STOCK
TO DRAW AGAINST OUR ACCOUMGS AT ANY BANK OTHER THAN CHASE
MANHATTAN. WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE FEASIBLE TO ARRANGE WITH
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CHASE MANHATTAN BANKS IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE
DESIGNATED AS GENERAL DEPOSITARY TO USE THE SAME STOCK BY
COMPUTER PRINTING A MUTUALLY AGREED LEGEND IN THE LOWER LEFT
CORNER OF THE CHECK. BUT THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT ON AN INDI-
VIDUAL BASIS WITH TTI BANKS CONCERNED AND WE SEE NO
REASON TO MAKE THIS INTO A COMPLICATING FACTOR IN PRESENT
NEGOTIATIONS.

3. F.Y.I. WE ARE PLANNING TO BEGIN PAYROLLING BANGKOK LOCALS
OCTOBER 14 AND NEED TO HAVE CHECK STOCK ON HAND BY THAT TIME.

4. APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF. LET WE KNOW IF YOU
NEED MORE INFORMATION.
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